
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE PACIFIC AND ASIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL FOR PROMOTING
GREATER AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
ISSUES IN HAWAII AND THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION BY BUILDING
BRIDGES, INSPIRING YOUNG LEADERS AND DEVELOPING GLOBAL
CITIZENS.

1 WHEREAS, the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council (PAAC) is an
2 independent, international education nonprofit with a mission to
3 promote a greater awareness and understanding of foreign affairs
4 issues with special attention to Hawaii's dynamic position at
5 the heart of the Pacific; and

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7 WHEREAS, PAAC evolved from the Institute of Pacific
8 Relations, which was founded in 1925 and is credited with
9 fostering the initial development of contemporary understanding
10 between East and West; and

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12 WHEREAS, PAAC strives to bring foreign affairs leaders and
13 specialists from around the world to Hawaii to speak on
14 international issues and interact with local leaders in
15 business, government, and education; it also seeks to engage the
16 community on global issues, foster international understanding,
17 and prepare the next generation of global leaders; and

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19 WHEREAS, PAAC has brought global education to more than
20 88,000 high school students statewide since 1954 with over 1,600
21 of these in the 2015-2016 school year, and also invests in
22 Hawaii's teachers by providing workshops and travel
23 opportunities, thus enabling them to enrich their course
24 curriculums; and

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26 WHEREAS, in its 63rd year, PAAC's vision is for the people
27 of Hawaii to be engaged global citizens with the ability to
28 initiate positive change for themselves, their communities, and
29 the world, and to this end, PAAC endeavors to continue the



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1 expansion of its mission of international education for all of
2 Hawaii's people; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2017, that this body hereby commends and congratulates the
7 PACIFIC AND ASIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL, its Board of Governors,
8 Executive Director Niki Shishido, staff, volunteers, and
9 sponsors for their indispensable contributions at home and
10 abroad in promoting international awareness and understanding,
11 and extends to them its best wishes for continued success in all
12 their future endeavors.
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